

## CLAIMS

1. Leash for animals applicable to a vehicle, in particular leash for dogs applicable to bicycles, tricycles or mopeds, of the type comprising a bar (5), means for fastening the bar to the frame of the vehicle, a rope (2) associated to the bar and provided with means for fastening to the collar of the animal,

5 characterised in that the bar (5) is internally hollow and houses one or more springs (4) operating in compression when the animal stresses the rope (2).

2. Leash as claimed in claim 1, wherein the means for fastening the bar to the frame of the vehicle comprises:

first fastening means (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13) anchored to the frame of vehicle;

10 second fastening means (11) associated to the bar and so shaped as to be fastened and/or released rapidly by simple coupling/uncoupling to the first fastening means.

3. Leash as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first fastening means comprise a pair of semi-cylindrical jaws (7, 8) which encompass a frame and are fastened thereto by means of bolts (9, 10), wherein one of the two jaws (8) has a protuberance (13) so shaped as to  
15 be anchored in a corresponding hollow of the second fastening means (11).

4. Leash as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second fastening means comprise a female snap-on rapid coupling (11), screwed on an end of the bar (5), and able to be coupled with a protuberance (13) exhibited by the first fastening means.

5. Leash as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bar (5), in correspondence with the ends  
20 on the side of the means for fastening to the frame of the vehicle, is provided with a grip or handle (12) for use as a normal leash once the bar (5) is detached from the vehicle.

6. Leash as claimed in claim 1, wherein are present three springs (4) in series easily replaceable by simple removal of a closure ogive or cap (3) of the bar and untying a terminal knot of the rope.

7. Leash as claimed in claim 1, wherein the spring (2) is constituted by a cable that passes through an eyelet comprised in the means for fastening to the collar of the animal, traverses the spring or the springs (4) contained in the bar (5) and is knotted at the exit from the tapered end of the single spring or of the spring that is closest to the frame of the vehicle.

8. Leash for animals applicable to a vehicle, in particular leash for dogs applicable to bicycles, tricycles or mopeds, of the type already provided with fastening means for the leash, characterised in that it comprises an internally hollow bar (5) which is so shaped as to be able to be anchored to the fastening means and houses one or more springs (4) operating in compression when the animal stresses a rope (2) associated to the bar and provided with means for coupling the rope to a collar of the animal.

9. Leash as claimed in claim 1, wherein the leash is arranged projecting laterally from the vehicle and the bar assumes a substantially horizontal configuration or one that is inclined downwards by  $0^{\circ}$  -  $30^{\circ}$ , and substantially orthogonal to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle or slightly inclined backwards by about  $0^{\circ}$  -  $35^{\circ}$ .

10. Vehicle, characterised in that it comprises a leash as claimed in any of the previous claims.